

HOMOPHONIC SPOONERISMS

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SPOONERISMS occur when the initial letters of a 2-word phrase are swapped to form a new phrase:

eg. *SEND MAIL* - *MEND SAIL*

HOMOPHONES sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings:

eg. *WHICH* and *WITCH*

‘HOMOPHONIC SPOONERISMS’ combines the two when converting one 2-word phrase into another 2-word phrase:

LETTER BOX - BETTER LOCKS

SHE TAKES - TEE SHAKES (earthquake on golf course)

ROUND HOLES - HOUND ROLLS

PHONE CALLS - CONE FALLS

SHE’S HIGH - HE’S SHY

LEAD SHOT - SHED LOT

LOCH NESS - KNOCK LESS

FLEA BITE - BEE FLIGHT

CHALET BOOZE - BALLET SHOES

LEG BONE - BEG LOAN

RIGHT FORK - FIGHT RORKE

CHARLES CAIN - CARL’S CHAIN

WASTE TIP - TASTE WHIP

WOOD SHED - SHOULD WED

GOLD COAST - COLD GHOST

TALL STOREY - STALL TORY

BALD HEAD - HAULED BED

LOST TIME - TOSSED LIME

RED SHOES - SHED RUSE

SHORT CUT - COURT SHUT

FOUR WAYS - WAR PHASE

LAND SITE - SAND LIGHT

MOST RIDDLES - ROAST MIDDLES

LONG ROBE - WRONG LOBE

COTTON WRAP - ROTTEN CAP

LENS COVER - KEN'S LOVER

PLANES LAND - LANES PLANNED

NIGHT LIFE - LIGHT (weight) KNIFE

BED DRAWER - DREAD BOAR

BOAT RACE - WROTE 'BASE'

LUNCH PILL - PUNCH LIL

HIGH RATE - WRY HATE

SHOE TIPS - TWO SHIPS

LAUGHING STOCK - STAFFING LOCH

SKITTLE LANE - LITTLE SKEIN

LUNCH BOX - BUNCH LOCKS (hair)

SUN SHINES - SHUN SIGNS

CROW'S NEST - NOSE CREST

CHEWS PEAR - POOH'S CHAIR

HIGH RISE - WRY 'HI'S

HOLD TIGHT - TOLD HEIGHT

SIX FORTY(time) - FIX SORTIE

LOCH NESS - KNOCK LESS

WATER DITCH - DAUGHTER WITCH

KNIT HAT - HIT GNAT

LOCKS DOOR - DOCK'S LAW

TWO HOOTS - WHO TOOTS?

LOST TOMB - TOSSED LOOM

KILLS JOY - JILL'S COY

SECOND BALL - BECKONED SAUL

RIGHT LANE - LIGHT RAIN

SOFT LIGHT - LOFT SITE

LIGHT WANES - WHITE LANES

WRONG LANE - LONG REIGN / REIN

MILD DAY - DIALLED MAY

SLEIGH RIDES - RAY SLIDES

LOUD CRY - CROWD LIE

BAD HEAD - HAD BED

SWEET PIGS - PETE SWIGS

JOHN WAYNE - ONE JANE

LEAVES HOME - HEAVES LOAM

CAT MEWS - MATT QUEUES

CARE HOME - HAIR COMB

CLIVES HERE - HIVE'S CLEAR

RUM DO - DUMB ROO

TIGHT WIRE - WHITE TYRE

DALE'S MEAL - MAIL'S DEAL

ROLL DOUGH - DOLE ROW (queue)

FLOOR SHOW - SHORE FLOW

SEIZED TIMON - TEASED SIMON

GNAWED BED - BORED NED

THROW GUM - GROW THUMB

MAKE STEEL - STEAK MEAL

CAST VOTE - VAST COAT

SLENDER GAL - GLENDA SAL

NICKS STOCK - STICKS KNOCK

REST TIME - TEST RHYME

WHITE SAILS - SIGHT WHALES

PECK CHEEK - CHECK PEKE

HALL BANNED - BALL HAND

FIRST CALL - CURSED FALL

‘BOO’ SHOCKS - SHOE BOX

TEA BREW - BRIE TOO

LOST TOMB - TOSSED LOOM

WEAR SHAWL - SHARE WALL

BEE’S HONEY - HE’S BUNNY

SNAP JAWS - JAP SNORES

RED BOWL - BED ROLL

CASTLE HOWARD (in UK) - HASSLE COWARD

MOWS GREEN - GROWS MEAN

HOLD TIGHT - TOLD HEIGHT

KIND MAN - MIND CAN (tin)!

KEN BOUGHT - BEN CAUGHT

THRIFTY NED - NIFTY THREAD

In the above examples the 2 phrases do NOT have a meaningful relationship

These 2 pairs of phrases are meaningfully linked

CHEW FOOD - FEW CHEWED

MANNED BAR - BANNED MA

TRY BIKE - BUY TRIKE

NORLEY SHOT - SURELY NOT!

These 2 pairs of phrases read on, one from the other

WHORE SAID - "SORE HEAD!"

BEN CRIED - "KEN (means to take note of) BRIDE"

"DAFT LAD" - LAUGHED DAD

BALD MEN - MAULED BEN

KNAVE SAID - "SAVE NED"

PORTER WIPES - WATER PIPES